THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a)'and (b) No, Sir. The development of Trishul Missile Project has been completed. Air Force configuration has met the user requirements during its various developmental flight trials. DRDO is in dialogue with Air Force for possible induction after jointly developing the user trial criteria. So far, Rs. 275.39 crore have been spent on this project.

(c) There is no other, short range quick reaction surface-to-air missile, project going on in DRDO.

(d) Projects are monitored by the multi-tier mechanism, which includes members from users, finance, production and inspection agencies from the beginning of the project with powers to take immediate action to control the cost and time delay. Projects are designed and developed based on state-of-the-art technology and are comparable with the best available in the international market in its class.

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738. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to streamline the procedure for defence purchase;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are also considering to revise the Defence Procurement Manual, 2006; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) and (d) Streamlining of procedures is a continuous process. Defence Procurement Manual, 2005 has been revised recently and new Manual 'Defence Procurement, 2006' has been released which is effective from 1st September, 2006.